MISSIONARY

REPORT AND MINUTES

OF THE

FOURTEENTH SESSION

OF THE

Louisiana Annual Conference

OF THE

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Bishop JAMES O. ANDREW, Presiding.

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PREFACE.

"Resolved, That the Publishing Committee of the New Orleans Christian Advocate be appointed a Committee to publish the Minutes." In accordance with this resolution of the Louisiana Conference, we respectfully present this as the result of our labors.

J. C. Keener,
J. B. Walker,
L. Parker.

MISSIONS.

Constitution of the Missionary Society

OF THE

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE.

ARTICLE 1. This Society shall be called the MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE LOUISIANA CONFERENCE, auxiliary to the Missionary Society of the M. E. Church, South.

ART. 2. The object of this Society shall be to assist the Parent Society in extending Missionary operations in the United States and elsewhere.

ART. 3. The payment of *one dollar annually* shall constitute any person a member of the Society, and *ten dollars at any one time* shall secure life membership.

ART. 4. The Society shall elect a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and five Directors, whose term of service shall be during the pleasure of the Society, and who shall constitute a Board for the transaction of business.

ART. 5. The Board shall meet annually at such place as may be appointed for the annual Conference, on the afternoon of the first day of its session:

To confer with the Missionaries employed the previous year within the Conference territory, securing from each of them a *written report* of the *state* and *prospects* of his mission, and of the *amounts collected* by him for Missions, with the *name of each contributor*, to be embodied in the Annual Report of the Society:

To ascertain the Missions proper to be sustained and the number of Missionaries to be employed in the Conference District, to be presented to the Bishop in writing:

To make the necessary arrangements for holding the annual meeting of the Society at some time during the session of the Conference; and

To appoint a committee to audit the accounts of the Treasurer and endorse the report of the Secretary before it is read to the Society.

Art. 6. At all meetings of the Board of Managers, three members shall be necessary to form a quorum.

Art. 7. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Society and Board, unless providentially absent, when the Vice President shall preside, or, in his absence, a chairman chosen by nomination, without debate.

Art. 8. The Secretary shall attend all meetings of the Society and Board, unless providentially hindered, when it shall be his duty to transmit the records to the place of meeting. He shall keep a journal of their proceedings, and prepare the Annual Report.

Art. 9. The Treasurer shall receive and hold all amounts collected for Missionary purposes, in all the stations, circuits and missions throughout the Conference during the year, forwarding them to the General Treasury, and shall publish a report of the same in such way as the Board shall direct.

Art. 10. The minutes of each meeting of the Society shall be signed by the President and Secretary.

Art. 11. This Constitution shall not be altered but by a vote of two-thirds of the members present, at the recommendation of the Board of Managers.

At a meeting of the Society in Shreveport, December 27th, 1849, it was resolved unanimously, "that the whole system of Missionary operations in this Conference be made to conform to the following plan, as written out for us by Bishop Capers, to wit:

1. The Missionary Committee of the Conference shall estimate the whole amount which is necessary for the preacher appointed

to any mission drawing for support upon the funds of the General Missionary Society.

2. The sum thus estimated shall be drawn for upon the General Treasurer, in quarterly instalments, payable in advance of each quarter.

3. The above being the whole amount which any Missionary shall be at liberty to apply to himself; the friends of the mission paying to him their contributions, he will pay them over to the Conference Missionary Society, or to the Treasurer of the General Missionary Society, as may be convenient, without delay.

4. The Missionary being thus provided for out of the Missionary Treasury, will be expected and required to use his best endeavors to obtain as much as he prudently can for the Society.

5. At each Conference a Committee of Publication shall be appointed, to prepare the Minutes of the Conference for publication, and in this will be included the Missionary Reports, and especially every single cent which may have been contributed during the year by any person for the support of missions, which shall be sent to every one of our friends, especially to such as have contributed, whether the amount be one hundred dollars or one cent.

Officers of the Louisiana Conference Missionary Society.

Rev. JOEL SAUNDERS, President.	Rev. LEWIS A. REED, Director.
" R. RANDLE, Vice President.	" B. F. WHITE, "
" J. C. KEENER, Secretary.	" PHILO M. GOODWYN, "
" A. E. GOODWYN, Treasurer.	" STEPHEN J. DAVIES, "
	" ANDERSON B. FLY "

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SECRETARY.

The Missions of the Conference among the Germans in New Orleans are in a prosperous condition, and were served by three German Missionaries. They embrace 274 members and 328

children in Sabbath Schools. On the 29th of October one of the chapels was burned ; since then two lots in a more eligible place have been bought, with a view to the erection of a larger church in its place. Another German Mission has been opened during the year, and a good congregation gathered in the heart of the Second District.

Lafourche and Bayou Black Mission was served by the Rev. N. A. Cravens. It includes about 1000 slaves, 7 congregations, and, though not very prosperous, is in a healthy condition.

The Opelousas Colored Mission includes 300 slaves, 79 of whom are in full connection, and 44 on probation. It was served by the Rev. B. F. White, the stationed preacher at Opelousas, who reports it to be in a good state.

The Bayou Têche Colored Mission consists of 9 preaching places, about 600 slaves, 170 members, and was served by the Rev. F. T. Fountain. The sum of $450 was contributed by the people to its support.

The Winfield White Mission consists of 44 probationers, 90 members and 33 scholars The sum of $76 60 was received in support by the Missionary, Rev. ——

Grand Chenière Mission was formed and served by the Rev. Joel Saunders, during this year. It consists of 5 white members, 69 white probationers and 24 colored. The sum of $330 was contributed to the support of the Gospel. It was blessed with a most gracious revival.

Jordan Chapel and St. Joseph Mission was served by the Rev. J. C. Pitts. It includes 7 plantations, 59 probationers, 81 members and 400 servants. Fifty children were catechized.

North Rapides Colored Mission consists of eight appointments, 800 hearers, 125 members, 25 probationers, and was served by the Rev. U. Whaley. The sum of $800 was contributed to its support.

Sicily Island Colored Mission consists of 7 appointments and 65 probationers : 53 were baptized and 75 were converted. The sum of $200 was contributed to the support of the Missionary, the Rev. Thomas L. Green.

Anacoco White Mission was served by the Rev. C. C. McCrary. The Mission is composed of 104 members, 80 probationers and 3 Sabbath Schools. The sum of $115 was contributed.

Bayou Bœuf Mission consisted of 10 white and fifty colored members, 16 white and 8 colored probationers, 2 Sabbath Schools, 42 scholars, and an audience of 600 white. The sum of $109 25 was collected for the support of the Missionary, the Rev. E. W. Griswold. During the year 15,500 pages of tracts were gratuitously distributed in the bounds of this Mission.

Christianity is the expression of a single principle—a principle which holds in itself the detail and grand achievement of the Gospel. Divine in its origin, it is capable of an infinite application. One need not try every piece of iron in order to prove that iron is capable of becoming magnetic. So the excellent strength of self-denying, self-devoting, self-forgetting love is manifest to us, and commands our whole faith long before the ultimate, wide, millennial success of this principle of life. Like the patriarch who heard the promise, we see the stars, and give glory to God, long before we see the children.

Whatever this principle of the Gospel can accomplish for the individual, it can accomplish for the class. If one man of any tongue, tribe, nation or civilization can receive, does receive, the Gospel, all of that tribe or civilization may receive it. The conversion of a centurion of the Italian band was quite sufficient to demonstrate to the apostles that God had "also to the Gentiles granted repentance unto life." If a single Roman, with Roman thought, training, prejudice, and a Roman nature, accepted the Gospel, and was informed with life by the Holy Ghost, then was Christianity possible to the whole Roman civilization—that great civilization which has reached to the present hour, and of which we are.

When the apostle stood upon Mars Hill, he was in contact with Paganism in its most perfect development. All around him were the forms, the learning, the arts and the wealth which enshrined it. He stood the representative of Christianity; though

weak in presence, barbarous in accent, poor in person, yet mighty in the principle which he represented. His success was a demonstration. Dionysius and Damaris, a Grecian legislator and a Grecian woman, evidenced the power of the Gospel over Paganism, as it existed in the Grecian mind, and gave him for his triumph the first sheaf of the harvest. Both in the "regions of Achaia," in Arabia, in Scythia, in Hispania, and in "the regions beyond," he rejoiced to prove the power and the promise of the Gospel, "not boasting of other men's labors."

All that our holy Christianity asks is a lodgment of the leaven—room for the feet of her messengers, and one heart out of ever tongue and tribe for its development. If God grant us a few converted Chinamen, as the result of the gift and toil and prayer of Methodism—a few converted Japanese, or a few from that

> "Studded Archipelago,
> O'er whose blue bosom rise the starry isles,"

we shall hail it as the lighting up of the crimson gates of the morning—as the opening shower of the glorious flood.

The divided tongue of flame upon the heads of the apostles, and their divided speech which warmed the soul of the Elamite and the Mesopotamian, the Lybian and the Mede, are the kindlings of a world on fire, where the Shekinah of God shall be the flame on every front—the coal on every tongue—the love in every heart.

This, our enterprise, is not the slow and laborious preparation of a principle, but only the spread of one already perfected. The elements of Hope are at work: Christ above is pleading—light is stretching itself through the earth—the messengers are beautiful upon the mountains—the Angels of the Churches are in the right hand of the Saviour. By and by it will come—"the glory of the God of Israel, from the way of the east;" like the rush of Pentecostal breath, the Spirit will come, and the latter glory shall surely fill all the earth.

FORM OF CONSTITUTION

FOR

"JUVENILE MISSIONARY SOCIETIES."

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be called the *Juvenile Missionary Society of the Sabbath School.*

ART. 2. This Society shall be auxiliary to the Missionary Society of the Louisiana Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

ART. 3. The object of this Society shall be the raising of funds for the purpose of educating Chinese youth in this country, and such other objects as the Society shall direct.

ART. 4. The officers shall be—a President, a Vice President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and a Board of Managers.

ART. 5. All officers shall be elected for a term of , and no person who is not a member of the Sabbath School, and also of this Society, shall be eligible to any office.

ART. 6. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the Society; and in the absence of the President, this duty shall devolve upon the Vice President.

ART. 7. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep a record of the proceedings of each meeting of the Society; to keep an alphabetical list of all the members; to call the roll at each meeting, and note those absent, and the amounts severally paid in by those present; to enter upon the Minute Book the Treasurer's Report, and such other reports as may be directed by the Society.

ART. 8. The Treasurer shall receive and keep all the funds of the Society, and report the amount on hand and receipts at each regular meeting, and the names of all in arrears.

Art. 9. The Board of Managers shall consist of the Superintendent of the Sabbath School, one male and one female teacher, five boys and five girls. Five members of the Board shall constitute a quorum. It shall be the duty of the Board to attend to all matters of business during the interval of the regular meetings, for which purpose the Superintendent may call them together.

Art. 10. No money shall be paid out of the treasury except by order of the Society or the Board of Managers.

Art. 11. Any person desiring to become a member of this Society may do so by paying *ten cents* as initiation fee, and five cents monthly thereafter.

Art. 12. This Society shall hold its regular meetings on the first Sabbath of every month. Fifteen shall constitute a quorum. The order of proceedings shall be as follows :

1. Reading Minutes of preceding meeting.
2. Receiving new members.
3. Calling Roll and receiving Monthly Dues.
4. Unfinished Business.
5. Report of Treasurer.
6. Report of Committees,
7. Miscellaneous Business.
8. Adjournment.

Art. 13. At the last regular meeting of the financial year the Society shall determine the special disposition of the funds in hand.

Art. 14. This Society shall hold its Anniversary at such time and place as the Board of Managers shall direct.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

A. E. GOODWYN, Treasurer,

IN ACCOUNT WITH LOUISIANA CONFERENCE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

1859. **NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT.** Dr.

Carondelet street Church	$358 15		
" " Sabbath School	56 00		
		$414 15	
Felicity street Church	270 00		
" " Sabbath School	430 60		
		700 60	
Moreau street Church		105 00	
First German Mission		126 00	
Second " "		150 00	
Third and Fourth German Mission		69 00	
Baton Rouge Church	40 00		
" " Sabbath School	40 50		
		80 50	
Wesley, Soule and Winans Chapel (colored)		58 00	
			$1,703 25

OPELOUSAS DISTRICT.

Opelousas Church		73 25	
Bayou Bœuf Mission		109 25	
Calcasieu Circuit		15 00	
Grand Chenière Mission		330 00	
New Iberia Circuit		108 60	
Pattersonville Station		68 00	
Thibodaux Sabbath School		20 00	
Lafourche and Bayou Black Circuit and Miss	200 00		
" " " col'd congregation	34 00		
		234 00	
Gross Tête Circuit		30 00	
Atchafalaya Circuit		37 50	
			1,025 60

SHREVEPORT DISTRICT.

Shreveport Station, to wit:

To make Mrs. Jane Jordan L. M.:			
R. R. Alexander	$5 00		
Mrs. Susan Johnson	5 00		
Mrs. Martha Hackett	5 00		
George W. Crowder	5 00		
		20 00	
Amount forwarded		20 00	

Amount brought forward		$20 00	
To make Mrs. Th. B. Alexander L. M.:			
J. C. Bell	5 00		
James Boggs	5 00		
Mrs. M. Battle	5 00		
Mrs. D. Miller	5 00		
		20 00	
Public collection		84 00	
			124 00
Caddo Circuit			115 00
Grand Cane Cireuit, to wit:			
To make Samuel Johnson L. M.:			
William Phillips	5 00		
Gen. H. Phillips	5 00		
J. H. Sample	5 00		
Harris Brantly	5 00		
		20 00	
To make Nancy Sample L. M.:			
Rebecca Brantly	5 00		
Elizabeth Pegues	5 00		
J. F. Scurlock	5 00		
Mrs. Phœbe Hall	5 00		
		20 00	
To make Mrs. H. P. Pipes L. M.:			
B. F. Alexander	5 00		
Thomas B. Baldwin	5 00		
John Holmes	5 00		
Sarah J. Phillips	5 00		
		20 00	
To make William Phillips L. M.:			
Harris Brantly	5 00		
Samuel Johnson	5 00		
Gen. H. Phillips	5 00		
Dr. Gorton $2 50 / S. L. Pegues 2 50	5 00		
		20 00	
Public collection		7 00	
			87 00
Mansfield and Pleasant Hill			481 35
Natchitoches, to wit:			
To make Rev. S. B. Suratt L. M.:			
W. H. Sadler	5 00		
T. M. Smith	5 00		
William P. Owings	5 00		
C. C. Preston	5 00		
		20 00	
To make T. M. Smith L. M.:			
C. C. Preston	5 00		
P. C. Rogers	5 00		
Dr. E. Thigpen	5 00		
J. S. Plunkett	5 00		
		20 00	
Amount forwarded		$40 00	807 35

Amount brought forward		40 00—807 35	
To make Mrs. Lucy Smith L. M.:			
W. P. Owings	5 00		
Rev. O. P. Westmoreland	5 00		
Mrs. Nancy Hawkins	5 00		
Judith Bowden	5 00		
		20 00	
To make Mrs. Sarah Mobly L. M.:			
T. M. Smith	5 00		
J. L. Lynch	5 00		
J. Traylor	5 00		
Friends	5 00		
		20 00	
To make B. F. Alexander L. M.:			
James Tyler	5 00		
J. J. Wadkins	5 00		
Rev. Mr. Kyle	5 00		
William Bloodworth	5 00		
		20 00	
To make Rev. J. F. Scurlock L. M.:			
J. Lacals	5 00		
J. F. Smith	5 00		
William P. Owings	5 00		
Eldridge Smith	5 00		
		20 00	
Public collection		25 00	
			145 00
Anacoco Circuit, to wit:			
To make Miss Ellen Burr L. M.:			
By sundry persons		20 00	
To make Elizabeth Faircloth L. M.:			
Sundry persons		20 00	
To make Mrs. Crowder L. M.:			
Sundry persons		20 00	
To make Mrs. Vick L. M.:			
Sundry persons		20 00	
To make Mrs. Rebecca Connerly L. M.:			
Sundry persons		20 00	
To make Mrs. Franklin L. M.:			
Sundry persons		15 00	
			115 00
Lake Bisteneau Circuit, to wit:			
To make E. E. Hamette L. M.:			
R. E. Hamette		20 00	
To make J. R. Walker L. M.:			
By himself		20 00	
To make Mrs. Sarah Pior L. M.:			
Rev. R. Parvin	5 00		
Mrs. E. L. Brooks	10 00		
Col. Clark	5 00		
		20 00	
			60 00
			1,127 35

HOMER DISTRICT.

Minden Circuit		95 30	
Farmersville Circuit		110 00	
Winfield Mission		76 60	
Sparta Circuit		10 50	
North Bossier Circuit	75 00	100 00	
" " " for Home Missions	25 00		
			392 40

MONROE DISTRICT.

Bastrop Circuit, to wit:

To make Mrs. Clara Wright L. M.:			
H. C. Bartlett		20 00	
To make Master Warren H. Wright L. M.:			
Mrs. E. A. Sterling		20 00	
To make Mrs. E. A. Sterling L. M.:			
Mrs. M. C. Stevens		20 00	
To make Miss Lizzie Knox L. M.:			
Mrs. E. A. Sterling		20 00	
Public collection		40 20	
			120 20
Bonidea Circuit			13 00
Alexandria Station, to wit:			
John Dunwoody, for China Missions		105 00	
Miss Lillie Mead		25 00	
			130 00
North Rapides Mission			800 00
			1,063 20

LAKE PROVIDENCE DISTRICT.

Richmond and Madison Circuit			73 30
St. Joseph's and Wesley Chapel, to wit:			
Master Henry J. Guice	$1 00		
" William Miller	1 00		
" Eddie Miller	1 00		
Miss Kate Miller	1 00		
" Fannie L. Trippett	1 00		
" Sallie A. F. Trippett	1 00		
		6 00	
Sundry persons		100 65	
			106 65
Waterproof Station		72 50	
" Sabbath School, for China Miss.		14 00	
			86 50
Tensas and Elizabeth Chapel			62 00
Winsborough Circuit, to wit:			
To make Thomas Cockerham L. M.:			
Rev. T. H. McClendon	5 00		
J. W. Hooter	5 00		
R. E. Johnson	5 00		
T. B. Tucker	$2 50	5 00	
T. J. Tindale	2 50		
		20 00	
Amount forward		$20 00	328 45

Amount brought forward			$20 00	—328 45
To make Rev. T. H. McClendon L. M.:				
Thomas Cockerham		5 00		
J. W. Hooter	2 50			
J. B. Tucker	2 50	5 00		
A. W. Baker	2 50			
C. P. Williams	2 50	5 00		
W. A. Whyte	2 50			
T. J. Tindale	2 50	5 00		
			20 00	
To make Mrs. Mary T. Kenton L. M.:				
Thomas Cockerham		5 00		
Rev. T. H. McClendon	2 50			
J. W. Hooter	2 50	5 00		
William S. Kenton	2 50			
A. J. McLaughlin	2 50	5 00		
E. P. Williams	2 50			
H. L. Ivy	2 50	5 00		
			20 00	
To make Mrs. Sarah G. Mathews L. M.:				
T. J. Mathews		5 00		
J A. Wooldridge		5 00		
C. G. Caraway		5 00		
M. R. Woodburn	2 50			
Z. A. Pearce	2 50	5 00		
			20 00	
By sundry persons			25 50	
				105 50
				433 95

FROM OTHER SOURCES.

Miss Cade, per J. A. Ivy—Jan. 3	$20 00
T. B. White, from Monroe and Trenton—Jan. 10	5 00
E. K. W. Ross, proceeds of three bales cotton—April 9	120 00
Annual Contribution of Members—Dec. 17	59 00
S. J. Hawkins, to constitute himself a Life Member of the Louisiana Missionary Society—Dec. 17	10 00
Annual Contribution of Mrs. L. A. Goodwin	5 00
Miss Ann E. Goodwin	1 00
Rev. H. B. Price	5 00
Mrs. Mary A. Wright	2 50
Master Henry C. Wright	1 00
Master J. L. Wright, Jr	1 00
Master W. H. Wright	1 00
Miss Clara Wright	1 00
Mrs. Mary Smith, for China Mission	1 00
John P. Hudson	5 00
Miss Pattie Cravens	1 00
Master Bascom Cravens	1 00
Master N. A. Cravens, Jr	1 00
Master Willie Cravens	0 50
Master Martin Luther Pipes	1 00
Master Willie Winans Pipes	1 00
Miss Katie Pipes	1 00
Master Howard G. Goodwyn	1 00
Master Watson D. Goodwyn	1 00
Total from other sources	$246 00
Anniversary at Franklin	810 14

RECAPITULATION.

New Orleans District	$1,703 25	
Opelousas "	1,025 60	
Shreveport "	1,127 35	
Homer "	392 40	
Monroe "	1,063 20	
Lake Providence "	433 95	
From other sources	246 00	
Anniversary	810 14	
Grand Total		$6,801 89

CONTRA :

By amount paid Missionary on—		
Lafourche and Bayou Black Mission	$ 200 00	
Bayou Bœuf Mission	109 25	
Grand Chenière Mission	330 00	
North Rapides	650 00	
German Mission Church, Carrollton	345 00	
By amount of freight on Miss. Certificates to Franklin	0 25	
" paid J. C. Keener, in drafts and cash	5,167 39	
Total		$6,801 89

CONFERENCE MISSIONARY APPORTIONMENTS FOR 1860.

NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT.

Carondelet Street	$500 00	Jefferson City	$100 00
Felicity "	500 00	Baton Rouge	100 00
Moreau "	100 00	New Orleans Circuit	100 00
1st German Mission	150 00	Colored Charges	75 00
2d " "	100 00	Plaquemine & Gross Tête	150 00
3d and 4th "	50 00		
Total			$1,925 00

OPELOUSAS DISTRICT.

Opelousas	$100 00	Grand Lake French M	$100 00
" Mission	100 00	Thibodaux Station	100 00
" Mission	100 00	Lafourche and Bayou Black	300 00
Washington	100 00	Atchafalaya	100 00
New Iberia	100 00	Chicot Pass	50 00
Franklin Station	100 00	Franklin German Mission	50 00
Teche Mission	100 00		
Pattersonville & Brashear City	100 00		
Total			$1,500 00

MONROE DISTRICT.

Monroe	$200 00	Harrisonburg	$100 00
Jefferson	100 00	Alexandria	150 00
Bastrop and Colored Mission	250 00	North Rapides	100 00
Bartholomew	100 00	" Rapides Mission	100 00
Ion	100 00	Salt Lake Mission	50 00
Carroll	100 00	Evergreen	200 00
Deerfield	100 00	Calcasieu	100 00
Delhi	100 00	Grand Chenière Miss.	50 00
Columbia	100 00	Bayou Bœuf	50 00
Total			$2,050 00

HOMER DISTRICT.

Minden	$200 00	Winfield Mission	$50 00
Homer	250 00	Saline	50 00
Farmerville	200 00	Sparta	50 00
Ouachita	150 00	Montgomery Mission	50 00
Vernon	100 00	North Bossier	100 00
Dugdemonia	50 00	South Bossier	100 00
Total			$1,350 00

SHREVEPORT DISTRICT.

Shreveport Station	$100 00	Natchitoches	$100 00
Caddo	200 00	Anacoco	100 00
Grand Cane	75 00	Red River	200 00
Mansfield	100 00	Lake Bistineau	50 00
Pleasant Hill & col.M.	200 00		
Total			$1,125 00

LAKE PROVIDENCE DISTRICT.

Providence	$100 00	Trinity	$300 00
Pecan Grove & Swan Lake	200 00	Winnsboro	200 00
Richmond	200 00	Vidalia	50 00
St. Joseph & Wesley Chapel	300 00	Sicily Island and Harrisonburg	100 00
Waterproof	300 00	Sicily Island and Harrisonburg Mission,	50 00
Tensas and Elizabeth Chapel	150 00	Centreville	50 00
Total			$2,150 00

RECAPITULATION.

New Orleans District		$1,925 00
Opelousas	"	1,500 00
Monroe	"	2,000 00
Homer	"	1,350 00
Shreveport	"	1,125 00
Lake Providence	"	2,150 00
Total apportionment		$10,100 00

MINUTES.

QUESTION 1.—What Preachers are admitted on Trial?

ANSWER.—Baxter Clegg (local Elder), William F. Alexander, J. W. Hearne, T. B. Baldwin, Geo. J. Conner, John Rengstorff.

Q. 2.—Who remain on Trial?

A.—August Arnold, William McBeath, Henry B. Frazee, C. C. McCrary, Oliver P. Westmorland.

Q. 3.—Who are admitted into Full Connection?

A.—Robert T. Parish, John F. Wynn.

Q. 4.—Who are Re-admitted?

A.—John H. Boyd, formerly a member of the Irish Conference, afterwards a member of the Philadelphia Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and more recently a local Preacher from Tennessee, presented his testimonials of character and standing, and was re-admitted into the traveling connection in the Louisiana Conference.

Q. 5.—Who are received by transfer from other Conferences?

A.—Anthony Cannon, from Louisville Conference; Joseph H. Stone, from Tennessee Conference; William J. McFarland and William D. Shea, from Ouachita Conference; W. E. M. Linfield and Samuel Armstrong, from Alabama Conference; Fielding Bell, from Kentucky Conference.

Q. 6.—Who are the Deacons of One Year?

A.—Whitmel P. Kimball, Thomas J. Upton, W. D. Stayton, Jephtha Landrum, John H. Boult, C. W. Coursey, Frederick W. Traeger.

John C. Pitts and Robert A. New, in Elders' orders, but in the class of the Third Year.

Q. 7.—What Traveling Preachers are elected and ordained Deacons?

A.—Robert T. Parish and John F. Wynn.

Q. 8.—What Local Preachers are elected and ordained Deacons?

A.—Jacob Ueber and N. H. McLemore were elected, but were not present for ordination.

Q. 9.—What Traveling Preachers are elected and ordained Elders?

A.—Jesse Fulton, Thomas H. McClendon, Joshua F. Scurlock, Fisher T. Rawson, Robert Parvin.

Q. 10.—What Local Preachers are elected and ordained Elders?

A.—Fred. White.

Q. 11.—Who have located this year?

A.—John P. Richardson, William A. Smyth and D. M. K. Collins.

Q. 12.—Who are Supernumerary?

A.—Benjamin C. Stegall, Seaborn J. Graves and Philip H. Dieffenwerth.

Q. 13.—Who are Superannuated?

A.—Thomas Samford, David Kinnear and John H. Boult.

Q. 14.—What Preachers have died during the year?

A.—None.

Q. 15.—Are all the Preachers blameless in their life and official administration?

A.—They were examined one by one, and their characters were passed by the Conference.

Q. 16.—What is the number of Preachers and Members in the several Circuits, Stations and Missions of the Conference?

	White		Colored		Local Preachers	
NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT.	MEMB.		MEMB.	PROB.	WHITE.	COL'D.
Carondelet Street	279	56				
Felicity Street	285	17			3	
Moreau Street	125	29			1	
First German Mission	95	23			2	
Second German Mission	87	32			3	
Third and Fourth German Missions	34	13			1	
Algiers and Gretna	40					
Jefferson City	20	8	15	22	1	
Carrollton	15					
Laurel Street	10				1	
Baton Rouge	164	8	154	6	2	1
Wesley, Soule and Winans Chapels (col'd)			1017	309		5
	1154	186	1186	337	14	6
OPELOUSAS DISTRICT.						
Opelousas	245	38	79	44	3	
Opelousas Mission			79	44		
St. Landry Colored Mission						
Washington	52	12				
Evergreen	76	8			1	
Evergreen Mission						
Bayou Bœuf Mission	50	8	16	7		
Calcasieu	144	40	30	31		2
Grand Chenière Mission	5	63	24			
New Iberia	290	29	227		2	
Franklin	80	8	60		1	
Teche Mission			152			
Pattersonville	55	24	54	16	1	
Grand Lake						
Thibodaux	35	5	110	25		
Lafourche and Bayou Black	44	10	296	16	1	
Plaquemine and Gross Tête	58	1	134	4		
Atchafalaya	30		52	17		
	1164	246	1293	204	9	2
SHREVEPORT DISTRICT.						
Shreveport	57	29	52	11		
Caddo	216	66	124	10	6	
Grand Cane	105	35	101	38	1	
Mansfield and Pleasant Hill	233	83	100	39	4	
Pleasant Hill Colored Mission			70			
Natchitoches	120	180	15	25	4	
Anacoco	100	8	4		3	
Red River	103	16	42		2	
Lake Bisteneau	120	100	40	117	2	
Coushatte Mission						
	1054	517	548	240	22	

	White		Colored		Local Preachers	
HOMER DISTRICT.	MEMB.	PROB.	MEMB.	PROB.	WHITE.	COL'D.
Homer	351	90	100	50	5	
Minden	238	43	152	7		
Farmerville	415	4	159		8	
Ouachita	420	105	45			
Vernon	192	45			4	
Dugdamonia	181	25	6		7	
Winfield Mission						
Saline Mission						
Sparta	176	22	91		3	
North Bossier	104	42	31		2	
	2077	373	584	57	29	
MONROE DISTRICT.						
Monroe	34	15	86	20		
Bastrop	94	36	47	12	1	
Bastrop Colored Mission			50	100		
Bonidea	107	75	57		1	
Ion	154	52	33	1		
Carroll	223	36	136		4	
Deerfield	18	16		22	1	
Columbia						
Harrisonburg	269	35	20	5	4	
Alexandria	48	96	124	20		
North Rapides	159	70	25	12	3	
North Rapides Mission			125	25		
	1106	431	703	217	14	
LAKE PROVIDENCE DISTRICT.						
Providence	35	2	40	7	1	
Pecan Grove and Swan Lake	56	6	36	9	2	
Carroll Mission			11	38		
Richmond and Madison	30	7	167	23		
St. Joseph and Wesley Chapel	54		226	17		
Jordan Chapel and St. Joseph Mission	15	3	22	59		
Waterproof	60	3	183	12		
Tensas and Elizabeth Chapels	53	10	150	25	2	
Trinity	75	20	50	38		
Winnsboro	288	87	40	12	7	
	666	138	925	240	12	
RECAPITULATION.						
New Orleans District	1154	186	1186	337	14	6
Opelousas	1164	246	1293	204	9	2
Shreveport	1054	517	548	240	22	
Homer	2077	376	584	57	29	
Monroe	1106	431	703	217	14	
Lake Providence	666	138	925	240	12	
Grand total this year	7221	1894	5239	1295	100	8
Total last year	6630	1736	4091	979	106	6
Increase this year	591	158	1148	325		2
Decrease this year					6	

MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

Q. 17.—What amounts are necessary to meet the CLAIMS of the Superannuated Preachers, the Widows and Orphans of Preachers, and the Bishops' apportionment?

A.—For Bishops	$250 00	
" Superannuates	750 00	
" Widows and Orphans	890 00	
		$1890 00

Q. 18.—What has been collected on the foregoing accounts, and how has it been applied?

ANSWER:

New Orleans District	$ 71 00	
Carondelet Street	80 00	
Felicity Street	80 00	
Moreau Street	45 00	
First German Mission	32 00	
Second German Mission	23 00	
Third and Fourth German Missions	20 00	
Algiers and Gretna	.....	
Jefferson City	26 00	
Editor of New Orleans Christian Advocate	.....	
" Nashville " "	.....	
Baton Rouge	40 00	
		$417 00
Opelousas District	40 00	
Opelousas	17 10	
"	4 00	
Evergreen	5 00	
Bayou Bœuf Mission	16 00	
Calcasieu	20 00	
Grand Chenière Mission	12 50	
New Iberia	29 00	
Franklin	22 30	
Têche Mission	7 40	
Pattersonville	15 00	
Amount forwarded	$188 30	$417 00

Amount brought forward....	$188 30	$417 00	
Thibodaux	6 00		
Lafourche and Bayou Black	60 00		
Plaquemine and Gross Tête	45 65		
Atchafalaya	13 20		
		313 15	
Shreveport District	40 00		
Shreveport	25 60		
Caddo Circuit	31 90		
" "	.....		
Grand Cane	13 40		
Mansfield and Pleasant Hill	36 00		
Pleasant Hill Mission	.....		
Natchitoches	11 30		
Anacoco	6 00		
Red River	35 00		
Lake Bisteneau	18 00		
Mansfield Female College	25 00		
Pierce and Paine College	40 00		
		282 20	
Homer District	15 40		
Homer	4 50		
Minden	43 00		
Farmerville	22 40		
Ouachita	.....		
Dugdamona	4 00		
Vernon	.....		
Sparta	.....		
North Bossier	40 00		
		129 30	
Monroe District	28 00		
Monroe	.....		
Bastrop	36 00		
Bonidea	28 00		
Ion	.....		
Carroll	48 00		
Deerfield	33 05		
Columbia	21 45		
Amount forwarded.....	$194 50	$724 65	

Amount brought forward....	$194 50	$1141 65
Alexandria	17 50	
North Rapides	17 50	
North Rapides Mission	24 00	
		253 50
Lake Providence District	52 00	
Providence	30 00	
Pecan Grove and Swan Lake	28 00	
Richmond and Madison	44 00	
Tensas and Elizabeth Chapel	16 00	
Trinity	38 75	
Winnsboro	14 40	
St. Joseph and Wesley Chapel	60 00	
Waterproof	48 00	
Jordan Chapel and St. Joseph Mission	26 50	
		357 65
From other sources		42 00
Balance in hands of Committee from last year		114 83
Total amount		$1909 63

The foregoing has been applied :

SUPERANNUATES.

Thomas Samford	$300 00	
David Kinnear	300 00	
D. M. K. Collins	150 00	

WIDOWS AND ORPHANS.

Widow of Henry Page	150 00	
Orphans of Brother Turnley	145 00	
Widow and Orphans of Thomas Foster	175 00	
Orphan of Brother Tinder	40 00	
Widow of William Stevenson	150 00	
Widow of Jones H. Waters	150 00	
Orphan of Byron Benton	40 00	
Orphan of Jesse Guice	40 00	

BISHOPS.

Paid apportionment	250 00	
		1890 00
Balance in hands of Committee		$ 19 63

TOTAL ALLOWANCE AND TOTAL RECEIPTS.

		Allowance.	Receipts.
New Orleans District	Linus Parker	$1800 00	$1775 00
Carondelet Street	J. B. Walker	2000 00	2000 00
Felicity Street	J. C. Keener	2000 00	2000 00
Moreau Street	Robert J. Harp	1100 80	1100 80
First German Mission	Fred'k W. Traeger	800 00	800 00
Second " "	John Pauly	600 00	575 00
Third " "	August Arnold	500 00	500 00
Algiers and Gretna	John P. Richardson.	.....	.....
Jefferson City	Jephtha Landrum	650 00	.....
Carrollton & Ed. N. O. Advocate,	C. C. Gillespie	.....	.....
Laurel Street		.....	.....
Ed. Nashville Chris. Advocate	H. N. McTyeire	.....	.....
Centenary College	A. G. Miller	.....	.....
Baton Rouge	Henry Avery	1030 00	1030 00
Opelousas District	A. B. Fly	1500 00	1500 00
Opelousas	B. F. White	700 00	428 00
Calcasieu	W. D. Stayton	890 00	590 00
Grand Chenière	Joel Sanders	1100 00	517 00
New Iberia	T. B. White	1000 00	725 00
Franklin	S. J. Davies	1000 00	557 00
Têche Mission	James T. Fontaine	.....	.....
Pattersonville	J. A. Miller	650 00	501 50
Thibodaux	Robert A. New	400 00	105 00
Lafourche and Bayou Black	N. A. Cravens	1500 00	1500 00
Plaquemine and Gross Tête	Jesse Fulton	636 00	636 00
" " "	F. T. Rawson	650 00	505 00
Atchafalaya	J. F. Wynn	330 00	330 00
Shreveport District	John Pipes	1000 00	1000 00
Shreveport	R. R. Alexander.	640 00	640 00
Caddo	S. J. Hawkins	829 90	829 90
"	James L. Chapman	197 60	197 60
Grand Cane	J. F. Scurlock	355 00	335 00
Mansfield and Pleasant Hill	S. B. Suratt	900 00	900 00
Pleasant Hill Mission	C. W. Coursey	.....	.....
Natchitoches	O. P. Westmorland	350 00	295 00
Anacoco	C. C. McCrary	150 00	150 00
Red River	J. C. Reid	875 00	875 00
Lake Bisteneau	Robert Parvin	400 00	325 00
Mansfield Female College	H. C. Thweatt	625 00	625 00
Pierce and Paine College	B. F. Alexander	1000 00	1000 00
Coushatte Mission	W. A. Smyth	.....	.....
Homer District	R. Randle	900 00	370 00
Homer	T. J. Lacey	.....	.....
Minden	Philo M. Goodwyn	1078 00	1078 00
Farmerville	D. P. Cullen	600 00	537 00
Ouachita		.....	.....
Vernon	C. W. Hodge	.....	.....
Dugdemona	S. J. Graves	475 00	100 00
Sparta	R. M. Crowson	600 00	430 00
North Bossier	S. S. Scott	1050 00	1000 00
Monroe District	J. A. Ivy	700 00	700 00
Monroe	A. W. Smith	.....	.....
Bastrop	James L. Wright	900 00	900 00

		Allowance.	Receipts.
Bonidea	S. Hawes	$700 00	$700 00
Ion	Moses Davis	783 00	630 00
Carroll	W. G. McGaughey	1250 00	1250 00
Deerfield	T. J. Upton	1000 00	426 00
Columbia	J. H. Boult	600 00	536 55
Alexandria	Uriah Riley	800 00	438 00
North Rapides	R. T. Parish	624 00	434 00
North Rapides Mission	Uriah Whatley	600 00	600 00
Lake Providence District	Lewis A. Reed	1500 00	1300 00
Providence	J. W. Johnson	750 00	750 00
Pecan Grove and Swan Lake	Whitmel P. Kimball.	700 00	700 00
Richmond and Madison	Alex. E. Goodwyn	1100 00	1100 00
Tensas and Elizabeth Chapel	H. B. Frazee	400 00	.....
Trinity	C. J. Hallberg	1250 00	969 50
Winnsboro	T. H. McClendon	360 00	360 00
"	P. H. Dieffenwerth	.....	.....
St. Joseph and Wesley Chapel	Reynolds Trippett	1500 00	1500 00
Waterproof	J. D. Adams	1200 00	1200 00
Jordan Chapel and St. Joseph Mission	J. C. Pitts	900 00	608 00

WIDOWS', ORPHANS', AND BISHOPS' PER CENT.

Resolved, That at this session the Conference will estimate for the year following what amount will be needed to provide for the support of Superannuates, Widows, Orphans and Bishops, and what per centage that amount is of the sum of the entire salaries of the members of the Conference.

Resolved, That the Conference will, at its next session, collect of each Preacher such a per cent. upon his entire *receipts* for the year.

Resolved, That the stewards of circuits and stations are hereby requested to add such a per cent. to the salary of each Preacher, and provide for it accordingly.

Resolved, That those works which may be supplied be requested to collect, in the same manner, the same per centage upon the whole amount of their actual receipts, and send up to the next session of the Conference.

Resolved, That the Conference declare the Widows', Orphans', and Bishops' per cent. for 1860, to be four per cent.

Resolved, That the Preachers who have failed to pay their

Widows' and Orphans' per cent. be requested to send or bring up the amount to the next Conference.

Resolved, That those members of this Conference who may at any time be appointed to institutions of learning, or special agencies, be required to pay the *Widows' and Orphans' per cent.* upon their actual *receipts.*

Resolved, That the Preachers, in making their reports of claims and receipts, be required, in case of deficiency, to make a *pro rata* division of the amount received, between quarterage and table expenses ; but, at the same time, that the stewards of the Conference be instructed not to make any appropriation to make up the deficiency of any effective Preacher, until the claims of the worn-out Preachers and Widows and Orphans have been met.

Resolved, That whenever, in the judgment of the Preacher of a circuit or station, it is advisable to do so, he shall take a collection for the purpose of obtaining the full amount of the per cent. for which he is responsible.

Resolved, That the chairman of the Committee on Ministerial Support be authorized to collect the per cent. of those brethren who have not paid their per cent. this Conference.

REPORT ON PARSONAGES.

REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEE ON MINISTERIAL SUPPORT, ON PARSONAGES.

We are more that ever convinced of the absolute necessity of building Parsonages, in order to the sure support of the Ministry, and to the permanent success of the Itinerancy. For the want of Parsonages or suitable houses to live in, many of our most efficient men, if not driven to locate, are influenced to resort to a local itinerancy, the evils of which are seen and read of all men; while others are compelled to "board round," being unsettled, poorly provided for, and their families, often unpleasantly situated, are crippled in their operations and impaired in their influence:

besides, even where houses can be rented, it is at an enormous and useless expense to the Church. Therefore we recommend that the subject of Parsonages be brought before each Quarterly Conference in each Station and Circuit, by the respective Presiding Elder, and that he urge the necessity of its taking some action upon the subject; and that the Quarterly Conference and Preacher in charge shall adopt the most efficient plan for building a Parsonage on each of our Circuits and Stations, where practicable.

EDUCATION.

QUESTION 19.—What is the action of the Conference on the subject of Education?

The following report of the Committee on Education was adopted:

The reports from our literary institutions this year are encouraging. Our Colleges are all prospering. Our High Schools are multiplying: these are becoming a strong arm of the Church for wielding a good influence.

CENTENARY COLLEGE.

From a communication from President Miller we glean the following: Number of pupils more than two hundred—double the number at the corresponding period of last year. A complete Professorship of Natural Science has been created, to which Agricultural Chemistry is appended. The Faculty consists of nine efficient Professors. The standard of scholarship has been raised considerably higher during the past year. The moral tone of the institution is being elevated. Gracious outpourings of the Holy Spirit have been manifested: numbers of the pupils have been converted, and many are preparing for the Ministry. This institution now feels herself able to educate, free of charge, the sons of Methodist Ministers, young men preparing for the Ministry, and to extend indulgence to indigent young men striving to obtain an education.

It is a matter of regret that this College is yet in debt. Nearly one-third of the expense of the centre building has not yet been met. When will the Methodist Church manifest as much liberality as other denominations, in building and endowing Colleges? The endowment fund has increased nine thousand dollars during the past year; this is encouraging. The following resolution was unanimously passed:

Resolved, That we request the Bishop to appoint an agent from the Louisiana Conference, to raise an endowment fund for Centenary College.

HOMER COLLEGE.

This institution is made known to us this year through a short but satisfactory report. From an ideal it has assumed a tangible existence: it is now a fixture. Its auspices are flattering, very. It is out of debt—a state seldom enjoyed by any of our institutions. The College building is nearly finished. The Board of Trustees contemplate making additions to it during the coming year. The endowment fund now amounts to twenty-four thousand dollars, and the expectation is to augment it to fifty thousand dollars the ensuing year. Dr. Clegg, of North Carolina, is its President. The mention of his name associated with this institution is a satisfactory recommendation of the College. The Professors are likewise men of known and tried ability. The College opened in the new building in September last. It has a patronage of seventy-five pupils, with the prospect of considerable increase. This institution is deservedly popular at home, and is increasing in reputation abroad. The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the Bishop be requested to appoint the Presiding Elder of Homer District agent for Homer College.

Resolved, That we request the Bishop to appoint the Rev. B. Clegg President of Homer College.

Resolved, That the Conference authorize the Board of Trustees of Homer College to employ J. C. Blackman as coägent.

PIERCE AND PAINE COLLEGE.

The enterprise for building this institution has been on foot but a little more than two years. Its progress is rapid. Altogether it has the best basis of all the institutions with which the Louisiana Conference is allied. The interest collected on notes, with what the agent has raised by subscriptions during this year, amounts to six thousand four hundred and forty-six dollars and forty-five cents ($6,446 45). This, added to what has been subscribed heretofore, augments the value of the enterprise to sixty-three thousand eight hundred and eight dollars and fifty-three cents ($63,808 53). Half of this sum is now drawing interest. The finances of this College have been ably and prudently managed. The Trustees on the first of this month contracted for the erecting of the wing buildings of this College. It is hoped that these buildings will be ready for the accommodation of pupils by October next. The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That we recommend to the Trustees of Pierce and Paine College to proceed at once to the erection of the main building of the College.

Resolved, That we request the Bishop to reäppoint an agent for the College during the coming year.

Resolved, That the Trustees be requested to secure the titles to the land donated to the College.

Resolved, That we heartily approve of the labors of the College agent, the Rev. B. F. Alexander.

Resolved, That we recommend the Trustees to proceed at once to the establishing of a preparatory department for the College.

Resolved, That we recommend the Bishop to appoint the Presiding Elder of Shrevcport District coägent of Pierce and Paine College.

Resolved, That the following persons be appointed the Board of Trustees of Pierce and Paine College, to wit:

1. Henry Phillips,	9. G. A. Slut,	17. S. J. Davies,
2. John Jordan,	10. Warren Jackson,	18. J. C. Keener,
3. A. G. Jordan,	11. Henry Davis,	19. J. B. Walker,
4. B. F. Chapman,	12. John Hampton,	20. L. Parker,
5. J. M. Gibbs,	13. B. F. White,	21. H. C. Thweatt,
6. Dempsey Odom,	14. R. Trippett,	22. S. B. Suratt,
7. S. D. Chapman,	15. R. Randall,	23. B. F. Alexander,
8. J. T. Readding	16. P. M. Goodwyn,	24. John Pipes.

MANSFIELD FEMALE COLLEGE.

We have received information of this College from reports from the Board of Trustees and the President, Dr. Thweatt, and from the Ministers laboring in that region of country.

The reports for the most part are gratifying. The institution was never more prosperous. More than one hundred pupils are now in attendance, with prospects of many more.

The course of study and facilities for acquiring a classical and scientific education are more extensive in this College than any other Female College we know of. A visit to the institution will verify the statement.

The chairs of English Literature, Ancient Languages, Mathematics and Natural Science have been noticed in previous reports; we shall therefore pass them by, and give the Music and Ornamental Departments a brief notice.

Both vocal and instrumental Music are taught. The instruments used are the piano-forte, guitar and harp. This department is conducted by able Professors.

Too much praise cannot be bestowed on the Ornamental Department. Oil Painting, Head Painting in colored Pastels, Landscape Painting in the same, Monochromatic Drawing, Black Crayon Landscapes, Oriental Paint-

ing, Pencil Drawings and Water Colors are all taught to a high state of perfection. Every variety of Wax Fruit and Flowers is also taught. The instructress in this department has but few equals.

The Department of Modern Languages is by no means neglected. Parisian French and the Spanish Language are taught—the former by a native of France, the latter by Dr. Thweatt.

We regret to learn that there is yet a debt of three thousand dollars hanging over the institution. We are gratified to learn, however, that there are subscriptions sufficient to defray it.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, 1. That we recommend the reäppointment of Dr. Thweatt to the Presidency of Mansfield Female College.

Resolved, 2. That we will continue our fostering care over said institution.

Resolved, 3. That we recommend to the Conference the following persons, to be appointed the Board of Trustees for Mansfield Female College, to wit:

J. D. Wemple,	John L. Scales,	B. W. Pearson,
William Crosby,	H. L. Moss,	J. H. Mumford,
R. T. Johnson,	W. E. Doty,	Geo. R. Draughon,
Hamilton Sloan,	Lewis Phillips,	H. J. Phillips,
Joseph Wilder,	Wilson Godfrey,	V. H. Jones,
A. M. Campbell,	W. H. Terrell,	J. D. Shelly,
Henry Phillips,	George C. Burns,	J. C. Porter,
S. J. Greening,	Edward Davis,	John C. Burruss.
J. W. McElroy,		

Resolved, 4. That the card of Mansfield Female College be published with our report, on condition that the College will pay ten dollars ($10) towards defraying the expenses of publishing it.

BATON ROUGE COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE.

This flourishing institution is under the superintendency of Professor W. H. N. Magruder. The scholastic ability and reputation of this gentleman are a sufficient guarantee for its success. We respectfully submit the following resolution:

Resolved, That we will manifest the interest we feel in the prosperity of the Collegiate Institute at Baton Rouge, by securing for it a more extensive patronage.

FEMALE SEMINARY AT BATON ROUGE.

This institution, for the instruction of young ladies, is sustaining the high character it has had for several years. Your Committee would ex-

press their high appreciation of the labors of Mrs. Read in this flourishing Seminary, assisted by an able corps of teachers. She has done much in educating the young ladies within our bounds; and many who have received their education from her are now among the brightest ornaments to society and to the Church. That the epidemic may not interfere with her school, she has procured buildings at Greenwell Springs, where she can take her pupils during that time. Your Committee respectfully recommend the following resolution:

Resolved, That our confidence is unabated in the ability of Mrs. Read, as a teacher of young ladies, and we recommend her school to all our friends, as an excellent place, where their daughters can receive a finished education.

In conclusion, your Committee would recommend the following preamble and resolution:

WHEREAS, The educational institutions of our Church are rapidly increasing in number and importance, justly requiring the increased attention of our Conference, and increased notice from our Church papers; therefore—

Resolved, That we recommend to all those whose duty it shall be to prepare reports for the press or the Conference, to make them as brief as possible, that they may be patiently read and heard, and their contents duly considered.

WHEREAS, The subject of Education is of the utmost importance, and as its character is in no small measure affected by the character of the educators; and whereas, from the number of Southern Educational Institutions, and the large number of graduates, male and female, that have gone out from these institutions, we of the South are no longer under the necessity of going beyond our own bounds to secure an ample supply of efficient teachers: therefore

Resolved, 1. That the Southern Schools are no longer under the necessity of going North and East to secure competent teachers.

Resolved, 2. That we recommend to the Trustees and Principals of the Schools in this Conference, which are under our patronage, or in any way identified with us, to seek in future a supply of teachers from among the graduates of Southern Institutions.

SABBATH SCHOOLS.

QUESTION 20. What is the action of the Conference on Sabbath Schools?

REPORT OF COMMITTEE.

We congratulate ourselves, as a connection, that the last General Conference appointed a man so well adapted to the work, and so eminently qualified for its duties, as a Sunday School Secretary for the Church South, to awaken interest, stimulate effort, and systematize our plans in this great enterprise. Dr. Taylor is worthy of all commendation, for the ability, zeal and perseverence with which he has entered upon and prosecuted this work. We hailed his appointment as an advance movement in the right direction; the effects have given assurance for increased confidence, and the results pledge for more decided coöperation.

We do not conceive that we over-estimate the importance of the Sunday School in saying that it is the greatest and most unfailing tributary to every interest of the Church. It furnishes the Church with a ministry trained at her own altars, who have known the Holy Scriptures from their youth, and whose enlightened piety must shed its radiance on all around. It supplies the Church with an intelligently pious membership—a membership whose intellectual piety expands their souls, enlarges their conceptions and liberalizes their views. Such a membership, cultivated, appreciative and liberal, led on by ministers who are still in the advance, will sustain our Missionary, Bible, Tract, Publishing and Sunday School Societies. It will sustain all our schemes for moral and intellectual culture—will soon demonstrate that "*Methodism*" is a power in the world; and will make it, like Mount Zion, that cannot be removed, the praise and joy of the whole earth.

Now if these conclusions with regard to the Sunday School be correct, does it not merit preëminent attention, and should it not command more earnest exertion from us, as ministers and pastors appointed to feed the flock of Christ?

We regret to record a want of advancement in the statistical reports of Sunday Schools in our bounds—such as might be anticipated in the prosecution of so important an enterprise. The figures show that on this subject we are *in statu quo*. This *may* be attributed to the imperfection on the report.

Resolved, That we recommend the election of Dr. McTyiere as Vice President of the Parent Society for the Louisiana Conference.

Resolved, That instead of dividing the responsibility of collecting the $5,000 assessed to the Louisiana Conference, as our part of the $100,000 endowment, that Dr. Taylor be invited to come to our Conference territory and collect it.

Resolved, That each Presiding Elder be requested to secure a layman to travel through his district, organizing Sabbath Schools in destitute neighborhoods, and to attend, as far as practicable, to the Sabbath School interest generally.

Resolved, That the publisher of the Sunday School Visitor be requested to publish a large edition of that paper, with the imprint of New Orleans, for circulation in this State and the South-West, where desirable, and that the same be issued from the New Orleans Depository.

Resolved, That any Preacher of this Conference failing to bring up a correct report of the Sabbath Schools within the bounds of his field of labor, shall not pass examination of character without the censure of the Conference.

J. A. IVY, Chairman.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That a Sabbath School Anniversary Meeting be held during the session of each Conference, and that the Chairman of the Committee on the Sunday School Cause be *ex-officio* President of that meeting.

On motion, C. C. Gillespie was appointed to deliver the Sunday School Address at the next Conference, and T. B. White was appointed alternate.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

New Orleans District.	SCHOOLS.	OFFICERS TEACHR'S	NO. OF SCHOL'RS	NO. OF VOLS. IN LIBRARY.	AMOUNTS COLLECT'D	VISITORS TAKEN.	MISS'ARY COLL'NS.
McGehee Church	1	35	211	1310	$170 00	175	4 .....
Felicity Street	2	51	230	1300	.....	150	30 00
Moreau Street	1	32	300	2000	434 78	200	.....
Jefferson City	1	11	100	300	120 00	50	.....
First German Mission	1	30	185	450	225 00	...	.....
Second " "	2	30	143	612	48 00	40	.....
Wesley, Soule and Winans	...	...	.....	.....	.....	...	.....
Baton Rouge	1	15	120	500	.....	...	.....
Opelousas District.							
Opelousas Circuit	5	27	130	400	30 00	30	.....
Evergreen Circuit	...	...	.....	.....	.....	5	.....
Bayou Bœuf Mission	2	6	40	11	10 00	33	.....
Calcasieu Circuit	4	14	40	120	.....	2	.....
Grand Chane Mission	1	...	.....	.....	15 00	...	.....
New Iberia Circuit	3	12	100	400	23 00	30	.....
Franklin Station	1	13	.....	100	100 00	50	.....
Pattersonville Station	1	6	35	225	20 15	35	.....
Thibodaux	1	12	45	500	25 00	5	20 00
Lafourche Circuit	1	6	18	400	.....	...	.....
Plaquemine Station	1	5	15	400	.....	...	.....
Gross Tête Circuit	...	...	...	250	.....	...	.....
Shreveport District.							
Shreveport Station	1	15	55	500	87 50	30	.....
Grand Cane Circuit	2	10	30	200	20 00	...	.....
Mansfield and Pleasant Hill	2	30	150	1100	55 00	125	.....
Anacoco Mission	3	10	30	150	.....	180	.....
Lake Bisteneau Circuit	4	...	...	.....	.....	...	.....
Red River Circuit	2	8	35	100	.....	...	.....
Homer District.							
Homer Circuit	2	10	100	600	15 00	...	.....
Minden Circuit	1	3	15	100	.....	...	.....
Farmerville Circuit	5	30	144	800	12 00	30	.....
Dugdamona Circuit	...	...	.....	.....	.....	...	.....
Sparta Circuit	4	18	90	400	.....	...	.....
North Bossier Circuit	5	45	100	225	25 00	20	.....
Monroe District.							
Bastrop Circuit	2	15	60	350	36 18	12	.....
Ion Circuit	1	4	24	.....	12 00	...	.....
Carroll Circuit	2	10	65	1000	4 00	...	.....
Alexandria Station	1	8	30	700	.....	40	.....
North Rapides Circuit	5	20	110	250	.....	7	.....
Bonidea Circuit	3	7	30	200	15 00	20	13 00
Monroe Circuit	2	6	20	150	.....	...	.....
Lake Providence District.							
Swan Lake and Pecan Grove	...	...	...	.....	.....	2	.....
Richmond Circuit	2	8	50	300	50 00	...	.....
Trinity Circuit	3	22	110	250	10 00	...	.....
Winnsboro	2	11	45	200	20 00	...	.....
	83	595	2785	17,852	$1582 61	1289	463 00

CHURCH PUBLICATIONS.

QUESTION 21. What is the action of the Conference relative to Church Publications?

REPORT OF COMMITTEE.

Having had this subject under consideration, your committee beg leave to present the following report:

The exhibit of the Southern Methodist Publishing House, after deducting $33,492 69 book accounts, and $83,899 71 bills payable, gives a balance of $317,828 08 in favor of the house, but expresses the fear that a considerable amount of this will never be realized—first, on account of bad debts; secondly, in the settlement of the Richmond Depository accounts; and, thirdly, in the debt of the Tract Society. But your committee are happy to learn that there is an increasing and lively demand for books.

Resolved, That our confidence in the Book Concern and its management is unabated, and that we will put forth our best endeavors to sustain it and extend its usefulness.

The Nashville Christian Advocate.—We are gratified to learn that this old and well-tried member of the Advocate family is in a healthy condition, and promises to continue so from the prospects of increasing popularity and prosperity.

Resolved, That notwithstanding we regard it our first duty to sustain the New Orleans Advocate as our organ, we will not withdraw our sympathy from the Nashville Advocate, but will do our duty towards it as its agents.

The Quarterly Review, we learn, has succeeded in paying the current expenses of its publication; but, to be fully sustained and rendered secure, it needs a large increase in its subscription list.

We cannot repress the desire to congratulate the editor on his success in editing this journal, nor the surprise that it is not patronized by every one of our preachers and the thousands of intelligent laymen of our Church. We here advisedly and earnestly recommend this journal to all persons whose taste and culture demand a Review of high character.

The Home Circle.—Documents relating to the condition of this periodical, and the purpose of the agent concerning it, we are advised would be furnished the committee, but we have not seen them ; our expression is therefore limited concerning it. But it is certainly a matter of surprise, and altogether inexplicable to us, how a monthly of such character, and of what we supposed such patronage, threatens thus immaturely to die on the hands of the agent, for want of support. We have been requested to ask the agent how many subscribers he has to this monthly, and how many it will require to meet the expenses of its publication. In anticipation of what we are inclined to believe will be a satisfactory explanation by the agent, your committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That we will not remit our efforts until we have secured the permanent support of the Home Circle.

The Sunday School Visitor.—It is unnecessary for your committee to say much, if any thing, concerning the Visitor, as the Committee on Sunday Schools has taken this matter in hand, and whose action we heartily endorse.

The New Orleans Christian Advocate.—The exhibit furnished by the Publishing Committee, while it affords the highest satisfaction at present, gives promise that past labors in behalf of this, our pet, is and will continue to meet their reward. Knowing the editor to be a modest man, and the Publishing Committee to be actuated by motives drawn altogether from the interests of the Church, and therefore in need of no panegyric from us to stimulate them to duty. We must say that our Advocate is approximating rapidly and nearly our ideal of a religious newspaper, and as such, no doubt, the editor and committee will concede the right to our preachers of presenting and defending the doctrines of our Church through the Advocate. The Advocate being so necessary to the preachers, such a source of pure pleasure, such a medium of enlightenment and such a bond of fraternity already, that its success and prosperity lie so near the heart and live so vigorously in the wishes of our preachers and members, that we heartily

Resolve and pledge ourselves to increase the patronage of the New Orleans Advocate.

Resolved, That we invite the lay delegates, and all others who may so desire to unite with us in this good work, in order to carry out the object of the foregoing resolution.

Resolved, That we request each Preacher, on arriving at his charge, to take a number of copies of the New Orleans Advocate, and present them to such persons as will likely subscribe for the paper.

To remedy such difficulties as naturally occur in the management of so large and complex a business—

Resolved, That the editor be requested to publish weekly acknowledgments of receipts, and in no case fail.

Resolved, That we heartily approve of the enterprise of Mr. Smithson, for building a Metropolitan Church in the City of Washington, and that we will coöperate with authorized agents in raising funds for its accomplishment.

All which is respectfully submitted.

NEW ORLEANS METHODIST DEPOSITORY.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

Report of the Special Committee appointed by the Conference to inquire into the difficulties in the way of certain subscribers paying their subscriptions to the New Orleans Methodist Depository.

A Special Committee was appointed at the Conference held in Franklin, from the 14th to the 20th of December, 1859, on the New Orleans Methodist Depository, consisting of Zenas Preston, Esq., of Waterproof, the Rev. R. J. Harp and the Rev. Dr. Keener, of the Louisiana Conference, who presented the following report, which was adopted by the Conference, viz :

WHEREAS, some of the subscribers to the New Orleans Methodist Depository of the Methodist Episcopal Church South have hesitated to pay their subscriptions, owing to the uncertainty which existed at the last session of our Conference, as to whether the Book Agent would carry on the said Depository or not: therefore, be it

Resolved, That in as much as the General Book Agent of the Methodist

Episcopal Church South has given satisfactory assurance that he will furnish a suitable agent and a sufficient supply of books to meet the demands originally contemplated in the establishment of said Depository, we therefore advise and recommend our friends to pay their subscriptions to said Depository.

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Conference, the Board of Trustees of the New Orleans Methodist Book Depository have faithfully and judiciously administered the trusts committed to them.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF THE NEW ORLEANS METHODIST DEPOSITORY.

WILLIAM H. FOSTER, *Treasurer*,

In account with METHODIST DEPOSITORY, *New Orleans*.

DR.

To amount of collections received at sundry times and dates		$13,788 53
CR.		
By disbursements at sundry times and dates:		
Cash payments on house purchased of J. P. Harrison	$9,500 00	
Salary of agent, R. J. Harp	$1,000 00	
Traveling expenses of do	574 75	
	1,574 75	
Alterations and fixtures of house	1,381 12	
Insurance on house	89 25	
Stationery, books, etc	35 00	
Commissions paid for collecting	12 75	
Rents paid and yet due by Keener and Parker	522 50	
Cash paid on note given for balance due on house, $5,500	388 16	
Cash balance on hand	285 00	
		$13,788 53
Balance cash on hand brought down	$285 00	
Rent due by Keener and Parker	522 50	
		$807 50

Notes and drafts to meet outstanding note:

Due in 1858	$1,642 00
Due in 1859	4,152 00
Due in 1860	1,275 00
	$7,069 00

W. H. FOSTER, Treasurer.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 9, 1859.

BIBLE CAUSE.

QUESTION 22. What is the action of the Conference on the Bible Cause?

ANSWER. The following report was adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BIBLE CAUSE.

The Committee on the Bible Cause beg leave to report, that we regard the Bible as the word of God, and, as such, above all praise, and rejoice in the efficient instrumentalities employed for its universal circulation in our own and in foreign lands, and for the remarkable success which has attended their efforts; therefore, we cordially recommend the following resolutions for the adoption of the Conference:

1st. *Resolved*, That we will coöperate with the American Bible Society, through the South-Western Bible Society, in the distribution of the Bible in the bounds of our several fields of labor assigned us.

2d. *Resolved*, That we will recommend to our people, in our several charges, the adoption of the plan of the Board of the South-Western Bible Society, for the distribution of the Holy Scriptures, and endeavor to enlist as many as we can in the good work.

Report of Moneys Collected for the Bible Cause during the year ending the 14th of December, 1859.

Carondelet Street	by Rev. J. B. Walker	$182 20
Moreau Street	by Rev. R. J. Harp	37 00
Second German Mission	by Rev. J. Pauley	5 00
New Iberia	by Rev. T. B. White	1 00
Thibodaux	by Rev. R. A. New (used on work)	10 00
Providence	by Rev. J. W. Johnson	3 60
Waterproof	by Rev. J. D. Adams	4 00
St. Joseph and Wesley Chapel	by Rev. R. Trippett (used on work)	10 00
Whole amount		$252 80

REYNOLDS TRIPPETT, Chairman.

MONUMENTS FOR DECEASED MINISTERS.

The Committee on Monuments reported that the remains of the following Ministers, who have labored in Louisiana, are resting without tombstones, or scarely a board to mark the spot where they are buried:

Richmond Nolly, in Catahoula.
—— Brewer, at Cotile.
—— Jones, beyond the Calcasieu.
William Hines, at Donaldsonville.
—— Tinder, at the mouth of Bartholomew, in Ouachita Parish.
H. B. Page and two children, burnt on the Yellow Busha, opposite Bayou Goula.
William Tostrick, in New Orleans.
Jesse A. Guice, in Tensas Parish.
—— Bremer, in New Orleans.
Jones H. Waters, in Vermillion Parish.
W. H. Turnley, in Catahoula.
Alexander M. Whitney, near Chaneyville.
R. L. Childers, in Carrollton, Jefferson Parish.
Thomas H. Foster, in Baton Rouge.
W. Stevenson, in Bossier.

Resolved, That monuments of white marble, of uniform size and value, be raised to these brethren, with an inscription stating that it is raised by the Louisiana Conference, the place and date of birth and conversion, the date of admission into the traveling connection, the dates and places of successive appointments, the date and place of death, and the last text preached from.

Resolved, That the value of the stone be —— dollars, and the shape of the stone a solid, two feet square and four feet high, and placed upon a granite base.

Resolved, That each Preacher in the bounds of whose work any traveling Preacher may have died, shall ascertain the exact place where his remains lie, and forward a statement of the fact to the chairman of the committee, at New Orleans.

J. C. Keener, J. B. Walker and H. N. McTyeire were appointed a Standing Committee on Monuments.

COLLECTIONS TO BE TAKEN UP IN 1860.

1. The collection for Home and Foreign Missions.
2. The Widows' and Orphans' Per Cent.
3. The collection for Tract Cause.
4. Sunday Schools.

MONEY COLLECTED FOR CHURCH BUILDING, REPAIRS AND PARSONAGES.

LOCATION.	Church Building & repairs.	Parsonages.
Felicity Street, New Orleans	$1,600 00	$.....
First German Mission "	3,500 00	1,365 00
Second " " "	688 00	.....
Third and Fourth " "	652 15	357 00
Jefferson City	472 00	.....
Baton Rouge	.....	500 00
Evergreen	3,200 00	.....
New Iberia	4,700 00	.....
Pattersonville	100 00	.....
Thibodaux	100 00	.....
Lafourche and Bayou Black	750 00	.....
Grand Cane	858 00	.....
North Bossier	200 00	.....
Bastrop	250 00	.....
Ion	875 00	.....
Carroll	.....	1,600 00
Deerfield	3,225 00	1,150 00
Waterproof	350 00	550 00
Tensas and Elizabeth Chapel	95 00	1,500 00
Trinity	1,100 00	.....
Winnsboro	2,000 00	.....
Total	$24,715 15	$7,022 00

LEGAL FORM OF CORPORATIONS FOR CHURCH PROPERTY.

The following was submitted by the Committee on Ministerial support, and was ordered to be published in the Minutes:

ACT OF INCORPORATION.

STATE OF LOUISIANA,
Parish of ——— }

We, the undersigned, do hereby form ourselves into a Corporation, to acquire and enjoy the rights, privileges and powers of a Body Corporate, under the provisions of an Act of the Legislature of Louisiana, approved March 14th, 1855, entitled "An Act for the Organization of Corporations for Literary, Scientific, Religious and Charitable purposes.

ARTICLE I.

The title of this Corporation shall be [here insert the title of the Corporation].

ARTICLE II.

The objects of this Corporation are to acquire and hold lands, houses, and other property, for the use and enjoyment of the members of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, who now hold or may hereafter hold their membership at ——— ; it being especially intended to secure to the said Church members a house in which they may worship Almighty God, and the free use of the pulpit to the Ministers and Preachers of the said Methodist Episcopal Church South, and also to secure a Parsonage for their Minister.

ARTICLE III.

The domicil of this Corporation shall be at ———.

ARTICLE IV.

The members of this Corporation, a majority of whom shall constitute a quorum, shall be a Board of Trustees, and they shall elect from among their number, at their first meeting, a President, and a Secretary, who shall also act as Treasurer, who shall hold their offices for one year, and until their successors are chosen. The Board of Trustees may remove these officers and elect their successors at any time by a majority vote. The property shall be held, and suits brought and defended, in the name of the President and Trustees of the [here insert the title of the Corporation]. Citations shall be made upon the President, at his residence. In the execution of any deed or act of the Board of Trustees, the signature of the President shall be sufficient. Vacancies may occur in the Board, and shall be filled in the manner and by the authorities provided for the appointment of Trustees by the Discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church South ; and this Corporation shall be governed by the laws and usages of the said Methodist Episcopal Church South,

in so far as they are not inconsistent with the laws of the State and the tenor and meaning of these articles of incorporation.

ARTICLE V.

This Corporation shall continue and exist for ninety-nine years.

NOTE.—These Articles must be dated and signed in presence of two witnesses, by more than six members of the Methodist Church, and then taken to the District Attorney, who must examine and certify that it is in accordance with the law, and then the Articles must be recorded in the office of the Parish Recorder, after which the Board may meet, elect their officers, transact business, receive titles, etc.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE, IN LAY SESSION.

Resolved, 1. That the Louisiana Annual Conference earnestly desire the coöperation of brethren, members of the M. E. Church, South, within the bounds of the Conference, to advance the several benevolent and financial interests which have heretofore been under the sole care of the Conference.

2. That it hereby pressingly invites each of the Quarterly Meeting Conferences within its bounds to select some one gentleman, a member of the Church, to attend at the place where the Annual Conference shall meet, to give aid and share in the Committee action of the Conference upon the cause of Missions —the cause of Education—the Sabbath School cause—the Church Publications—the Support of the Ministry and Temperance cause.

3. That the Conference shall now appoint, from its members, the Chairman of the several Committees on the aforesaid benevolent interests, who will be expected to prepare, during the year, a report for the various interests they represent, *excepting*

the Committee on Missions, which shall meet and act with the Board of Managers on the first day of the meeting of the Conference.

4. That on the afternoon of the first day of the Conference, the Conference shall resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, and shall, together with the Committee men from the Quarterly Conferences, constitute the committee upon all the aforesaid benevolent causes. It shall elect a Chairman and Secretary to serve during the session of Conference, one of whom shall be a layman. This Committee of the Whole shall appoint sub-committees of not less than five nor more than nine, composed of preachers and laymen, in the following causes, to wit: Missions, Education, Church Publications, Ministerial Supports, Sunday Schools, Temperance, Tracts, and Bible. The Chairmen of said sub-committees shall be appointed by the Conference, and the sub-committees shall meet promptly and attend to the business referred to them, and report to the Committee of the Whole and to the Conference as soon as practicable.

5. That the preacher having charge of the station or circuit where the Conference meets be requested to make provision for the entertainment of the committee men of the Quarterly Conference during the Conference Session.

6. That the rules regulating the Committee of the Whole in Lay Session shall differ from the ordinary rules of a Committee of the Whole in the following:

1. It shall elect its own President and Secretary.

2. It shall appoint sub-committees upon the subject matter of the committee.

3. It may limit discussion.

4. It may put the previous question.

5. And in this also; that the Conference does not resume its session immediately upon the rising of the committee, but meets at its usual hour, and then the chairmen of committees make report.

CHAIRMEN OF THE COMMITTEES.

Chairman of the Committee on Missions, Joel Sanders, President of the Missionary Society.

Chairman of Committee on Sunday Schools, W. E. M. Linfield.
" " Education, S. B. Suratt.
" " Church Publications, T. J. Lacy.
" " Ministerial Support, S. J. Hawkins.
" " Temperance, N. A. Cravens.
" " Tracts, R. J. Harp, Pres't Tract Soc.
" " Bible Cause, R. Trippett.

LAY COMMITTEE-MEN PRESENT AT THE CONFERENCE.

James Bowman.....Tensas.
Zenas Preston.....Waterproof.
Wm. C. Currie.....Pecan Grove.
E. F. Mount.....New Iberia.
H. Philips.....Mansfield.
G. G. Zenor.....Trinty.
W. H. N. Magruder.....Baton Rouge.
T. K. Price.....N. O., Carondelet st.
W. H. Foster.....N. O., Felicity st.
Richard L. Robertson.....N. O., Moreau st.
F. Richardson.....New Iberia.
J. B. Murphy.....Franklin.

PREACHERS' FUND SOCIETY.

REPORT OF TREASURER.

J. C. KEENER, *Treasurer, in account with the Preachers' Fund Society of the Louisiana Conference:*

1860.	DR.
Jan. 8.—To cash on hand at last report	$218 54
To note of D. O. Shattuck for $240, with various credits, and interest on $139 20 from Dec. 7, 1843, to Jan. 8, 1859	318 33
Amount forwarded	$536 87

Amount brought forward	$536 87
To note of J. Sanders for $60, with interest from Dec. 18, 1844	132 00
To note of R. M. Crowson for $15, with interest from Dec. 18, 1845	31 50
To note of R. Spencer from July 26, 1855, with interest	108 80
To amount of balance due on note of B. A. Houghton (deceased), $897 83, with interest from Feb. 10, 1857	1,107 35
To note of J. H. Guerding, President, for $800, with interest from March 15, 1857 (10 months), $981 34, less interest, $114	867 34
To cash, interest paid on above	50 00
To note of C. J. Hallburg for $100, with interest from Feb. 10, 1857	123 34
To note of D. O. Shattuck for $52, with interest from Jan. 7, 1848	101 92
To note of R. A. Stewart for $349 44, due Jan. 6, 1859	377 36
To cash proceeds of note and interest paid by W. R. Gober	150 00
	$3,586 48

1860.			Cr.
Jan. 8.—By note on hand of D. O. Shattuck, with interest			$318 33
"	"	"	101 92
"	J. Sanders	"	132 00
"	R. M. Crowson	"	31 50
"	R. Spencer	"	108 80
By amount of balance due on note of B. A. Houghton, with interest			1,107 35
By note of J. H. Guerding, with interest			867 34
"	C. J. Hallburg,	"	123 34
"	R. A. Stewart,		377 36
"	Jesse Fulton		75 00
By cash on hand			343 54
			$3,586 48

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CONFERENCE LYCEUM.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. This association shall be called the "Louisiana Conference Lyceum."

ART. 2. It shall be composed of all such traveling preachers in full connection and on trial, and such lay committee men as may desire to be members.

ART. 3. There shall be three officers, namely: a President, Vice President, and Secretary, to be elected annually by ballot.

ART. 4. The objects of this association shall be the mental and moral improvement of its members. That these objects may be systematically and effectively carried out, six of its members shall be annually elected to prepare and read articles at the next annual meeting of the association.

ART. 5. There shall be a committee of three appointed by the chair at each annual meeting, to determine and present the themes for the next year. The themes may be Theological, Ecclesiastical, Devotional and Literary.

OFFICERS OF THE LYCEUM.

W. H. Foster, Esq.....President.
Rev. Dr. Joseph B. Walker.....Vice President.
Rev. Robert A. New.....Secretary.

The officers of the society were constituted a committee to select themes and persons to discuss them for the next annual meeting.

COMMITTEES OF EXAMINATION AND COURSE OF STUDY FOR 1860.

English Literature.

Committees.—A. E. Goodwyn, J. A. Ivy.

STUDIES—*Class of First Year.*—English Grammar; Hymn Book;. Composition.

STUDIES—*Class of Second Year.*—Hymn Book; Quackenboss's Advanced Course of Composition and Rhetoric.

STUDIES—*Class of Third Year.*—Hymn Book; Whateley's Rhetoric, Essay or Sermon; Reference to Vinet's Pastoral Theology.

STUDIES—*Class of Fourth Year.*—Hymn Book; Whateley's Logic; Sermon.

Biblical Literature.

Committee.—R. J. Harp, R. Trippett.

STUDIES—*Class of First Year.*—Bible: historical and biographical parts, with reference to Watson's Biblical and Theological Dictionary, enlarged, with New Biblical Atlas and Preacher's Text Book.

STUDIES—*Class of Second Year.*—Bible: as to the institutions of Christianity, with reference to Watson's Dictionary.

STUDIES—*Class of Third Year.*—Bible: as to doctrines, with reference to Watson's Dictionary.

STUDIES—*Class of Fourth Year.*—Bible generally, with reference to Watson's Dictionary.

Doctrinal and Controversial Theology.

Committee.—Linus Parker, S. B. Suratt.

STUDIES—*Class of First Year.*—Vol. I of Wesley's Sermons; Watson's Institutes, Part III; Theological Compend.

STUDIES—*Class of Second Year.*—Vol. II of Wesley's Sermons; Smith's Elements of Divinity; Watson's Institutes, Part IV.

STUDIES—*Class of Third Year.*—Wesley's Sermons, Vol. III; Watson's Institutes, Part II.

STUDIES—*Class of Fourth Year.*—Wesley's Sermon's, Vol. IV; Rivers' Elements of Moral Philosophy; Watson's Institutes, Part I.

Ecclesiastical History and Church Government.

Committee.—J. B. Walker, S. J. Davies.

STUDIES—*Class of First Year.*—Discipline; Clarke's Preacher's Manuel.

STUDIES—*Class of Second Year.*—Discipline, with reference to Henkle's Analysis; Watson's Life of Wesley, and Observations on Southey.

STUDIES—*Class of Third Year.*—Discipline.

STUDIES—*Class of Fourth Year.*—Discipline; Powell on Succession; Ruter's Church History.

Committee for EXAMINATION OF CANDIDATES FOR ADMISSON ON TRIAL.—John C. Keener, Lewis A. Reed.

"All candidates for admission on trial into the Traveling Connection shall, in addition to their examination before the Quarterly Conference, as required by the present form of Discipline, be examined by a committee of the Annual Conference on the ordinary branches of an English education, of their acquaintance with which they shall give satisfactory evidence previously to admission."—*Action of the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, in Session of* 1858.

GERMAN UNDERGRADUATES.

Resolved, That those German Preachers who are now or may hereafter be received on trial shall be required to give satisfaction to the Conference on the course of study in the English language, as recommended by the Bishops.

TIME OF EXAMINATION.

Resolved, That the Classes to be examined be required to appear before the Committees of Examination, at the seat of Conference, at 9 o'clock, A. M., on the Monday preceding the opening of the Conference; and in case they fail to do so, without satisfactory excuse for non-attendance at the required time and place, they shall be continued in the same Class another year,

UNDERGRADUATES

TO BE EXAMINED AT THE NEXT CONFERENCE.

CLASS OF FIRST YEAR.

Baxter Clegg,
William F. Alexander,
J. W. Hearne,
T. B. Baldwin,
John Rengstorff.

CLASS OF SECOND YEAR.

August Arnold,
William McBeath,
Henry B. Frazee,
C. C. McCrary,
Oliver P. Westmoreland.

CLASS OF THIRD YEAR.

John F. Wynn,
Robert T. Parish,
T. J. Upton, (also in fourth year)
W. D. Stayton, " " "
J. Landrum, (also in the fourth year)
J. H. Boult, " " "
John C. Pitts, (Elder) " "

CLASS OF FOURTH YEAR.

Robert A. New, (Elder)
John C. Pitts, "
Whitmel P. Kimball,
John H. Boult,
Frederick W. Traeger,
Dabney P. Cullen,
James T. Fontaine,
Charles W. Hodge,
C. W. Coursey,
Thomas J. Upton,
W. D. Stayton,
Jephtha Landrum.

VISITING COMMITTEES.

CENTENARY COLLEGE.—W. E. M. Linfield, Anderson B. Fly, J. B. Walker.

MANSFIELD FEMALE COLLEGE.—S. B. Suratt, A. E. Goodwyn, John Pipes.

HOMER COLLEGE.—R. Randle, S. S. Scott, R. R. R. Alexander.

MISCELLANEOUS RESOLUTIONS.

CONFERENCE SERMON.

Resolved, That the Preacher selected to preach the Conference Sermon be elected by ballot, and that the sacrament of the Lord's Supper be administered at the close of the Conference Sermon, by the President of the Conference.

On the first ballot Dr. J. B. Walker was elected to preach the Conference Sermon.

COLLEGE DONATIONS.

Resolved, That the Louisiana Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, through our agents, request the Honorable Legislature of the State of Louisiana to donate to the Centenary College, in Feliciana Parish, to Pierce and Paine College, in the Parishes of Sabine and DeSoto, and to Homer College, in Claiborne Parish, twenty-five thousand dollars each, for the purpose of aiding us in affording the youth of this State facilities for a thorough collegiate education.

THANKS.

Resolved, That we tender the citizens of Franklin and vicinity our most hearty thanks for the very hospitable manner in which they have entertained the Conference.

That we return our thanks to the Police Jury of St. Mary, for the use of the Court House, so generously tendered to us.

That we tender to the Bishop and Dr. Keener our thanks for the very able manner in which they have presided.

That we tender our thanks to the Secretary and his assistant, for their services during the session.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Conference be tendered to the Board of Directors of the New Orleans, Opelousas and Great Western Railroad, for granting free tickets to the members of the Conference in passing over their road; and that we heartily

thank J. B. Price, Esq., for his generous offer, tendering free passages in his stages to the Preachers returning from Conference.

FASTING AND PRAYER.

Resolved, That the third Friday in May be observed as a day of fasting and prayer.

TIME OF HOLDING CONFERENCE.

Resolved, That we request the Bishops to hold our next Conference one week earlier than the present session.

QUESTION 23.—Where shall the next Conference be held?

ANSWER.—Baton Rouge.

QUESTION 24.—Where are the Preachers stationed this year?

ANSWER.—

NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT.....JOHN C. KEENER, P. E.

Carondelet Street, New Orleans.....*J. B. Walker.*
Felicity Street, " .....*Linus Parker.*
Moreau Street, " .....*Robert J. Harp.*
First German Mission " .....Frederick W. Traeger.
Second " " " .....*John A. Pauly.*
Third and Fourth " " .....August Arnold.
Jefferson City..... .....Jephtha Landrum.
New Orleans Circuit.....C. W. Coursey.
Wesley, Soule and Winans Chapels...To be supplied.
Baton Rouge..... *W. E. M. Linfield.*
Plaquemine and Gross Tête.....*Philo M. Goodwyn.*
" " " .....Henry B. Frazee.

Centenary College..... { *A. G. Miller*, Professor, and member of Baton Rouge Quarterly Conference.

" " ..... { *Henry Avery*, Agent, and member of Baton Rouge Quarterly Conference.

New Orleans Christian Advocate... { *Clayton C. Gillespie*, Editor, and member Felicity st. Quarterly Conference.

Nashville Christian Advocate..... { *H. N. McTyiere*, Editor, and member of Felicity st. Quarterly Conference.

OPELOUSAS DISTRICT.....ANDERSON B. FLY, P. E.
Opelousas.....*Daniel S. Watkins.*
" Mission.....To be supplied.
Washington.....To be supplied.
New Iberia.....*T. B. White, J. W. Mann.*
Chicot Pass.....To be supplied.
Franklin.....*Benjamin F. White.*
" German Mission.....John Rengstorff.
Têche Colored Mission.....James T. Fontaine.
Pattersonville and Brashear City.....*John A. Miller.*
Grand Lake.....To be supplied.
Thibodaux.....*Robert A. New.*
Lafourche and Bayou Black.....*Stephen J. Davies,* William McBeath.
Atchafalaya.....*John H. Boyd.*

MONROE DISTRICT.....JAMES A. IVY, P. E.
Monroe.....*A. W. Smith.*
Bastrop and Colored Mission.....*James L. Wright.*
Jefferson.....*J. H. Stone.*
Bartholomew.....*Samuel Haws.*
Ion.....*John C. Pitts.*
Carroll.....*W. G. McGaughey,* John F. Wynn.
Delhi.....T. J. Upton.
Columbia.....*Robert Parvin; Benj. C. Stegall,* sup'y.
Alexandria.....*N. A. Cravens.*
Bœuf Mission.....C. C. McCrary.
North Rapides.....*J. A. Bradly.*
" " Mission.....*Uriah Whatley.*
Salt Lake Mission.....To be supplied.
Evergreen.....*R. M. Crowson.*
Calcasieu.....W. D. Stayton.
Grand Chenière Mission.....*Joel Saunders.*

HOMER DISTRICT.....RICHMOND RANDLE, P. E.
Homer.....*Samuel Armstrong,* Wm. F. Alexander.
Minden.....*S. S. Scott.*
Farmerville.....C. W. Hodge.
Ouachita.....*T. H. McClendon.*
Vernon.....*F. T. Rawson; T. J. Graves,* supern'y.
Dugdemona.....J. W. Hearne.
Winfield Mission.....To be supplied.
Montgomery.....Dabney P. Cullen.

Sparta.....*Moses Davis.*
North Bossier.....*R. R. R. Alexander.*
South Bossier.....*W. D. Shea, Jesse Fulton.*
Homer College.....*Baxter Clegg*, President, and member of Homer Quarterly Conference.
" " .....*Richmond Randle*, Agent.

SHREVEPORT DISTRICT.....JOHN PIPES, P. E.

Shreveport.....*S. B. Suratt.*
Caddo.....*John C. Reid, J. L. Chapman.*
Grand Cane.....Oliver P. Westmorland.
Mansfield.....*Alexander E. Goodwyn.*
Pleasant Hill and Colored Mission....*B. F. Alexander.*
Natchitoches.....T. B. Baldwin.
Sabine.....*Elijah W. Griswold.*
Red River and Colored Mission.....*S. J. Hawkins.*
Lake Bisteneau.....To be supplied.
Mansfield Female College.....*Henry C. Thweatt*, President, and member of Mansfield Quarterly Conference
Pierce and Paine College.....*B. F. Alexander*, Agent; *John Pipes*, Co-Agent.

LAKE PROVIDENCE DISTRICT.....LEWIS A. REED, P. E.

Providence and Bunch's Bend.....*J. W. Johnson.*
Pecan Grove and Swan Lake.....Whitmel P. Kimball.
Richmond.....*R. Trippett; P. H. Dieffenwerth*, sup'y.
St. Joseph and Wesley Chapel.....*J. D. Adams*, George J. Conner.
Waterproof.....*W. J. McFarland.*
Tensas and Elizabeth Chapel.....*Anthony Cannon.*
Vidalia.....*Fielding Bell.*
Trinity.....*C. J. Hallberg, J. F. Scurlock.*
Winnsboro.....*T. J. Lacey.*
Sicily Island and Harrisonburg.....*Uriah Riley.*
" " Mission.....To be supplied.
Centreville.....Robert T. Parish.

SUPERANNUATED.—*Thomas Samford, David Kinnear*, J. H. Boult.

LOCATED.—*William A. Smyth, D. M. K. Collins, John P. Richardson.*